

## Air crews and seamen will be asked to cut income

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El Al's flight crews and Israel's merchant seamen will be asked to give up part of their net incomes under the new collective wage agreement, to be negotiated here during the next few weeks.

Translated into practice, this means that an El Al flight captain, for example, will lose as much as IL4-5,000 of his net monthly income. Lower El Al ranks will be less affected.

It is understood that the foreign currency part of the salary is open to negotiation, and that the Treasury is demanding that it be reduced drastically.



French Senate Speaker Alain Poher, left, in Jerusalem with President Nisn yesterday.

## Poher will continue to fight for Arab Jewry

EN-GURION AIRPORT. — President of the French Senate Alain Poher arrived here yesterday on a brief official visit as a guest of the Knesset. He was welcomed in a brief airport ceremony by Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

Soviet Union. "I wish the State of Israel success in its search for a just peace in this area," he said, repeating "shalom" in Hebrew three times.

## Ford's Illinois victory may end Reagan's hopes

WASHINGTON. — President Ford, sweeping to victory in the Illinois presidential primary, increased his pressure on former California Governor Ronald Reagan to abandon his attempt to gain the Republican presidential nomination.

of the American Peace Corps and the 1972 Democratic vice-presidential candidate, and former Senator Fred Harris of Oklahoma. They both trailed badly behind Carter and Wallace.

Among the Democrats, former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter scored his most convincing primary victory yet, defeating opponents. He upstaged his nearest competitor, Governor George Wallace of Alabama, by 28 per cent — an impressive demonstration of the appeal to the voters of this newcomer national politics.

K seeing Begin  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — Opposition Likud leader Menachem Begin was due to meet with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger around midnight Israel time last night at the State Department to discuss the current situation in the Middle East and the plight of Soviet and Syrian Jewry.

But Reagan said that, despite his loss in Illinois, his campaign had let its goal there "with something over 40 per cent of the vote." He said he would continue to seek the nomination.

The meeting was requested by Begin, who is currently on a speaking tour of the U.S.

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## Go-it-alone threat by Mapam

By SHAYYA SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam will be ready to go to polls on its own if the negotiations to maintain the alignment with the Labour Party fail. The final decision will be made by the Mapam national convention, due to be held in June, the political committee of the party decided yesterday at the end of nine sessions devoted to discussion of the issue.

Health Minister Victor Shemtov said that the view of the convention was that the Alignment would continue to exist only if "the Labour Party changes from within" and did not allow the Rafi influence to become too strong. He seemed confident that Mapam would be taken into a coalition by the Labour Party even if it chose to appeal to the electorate directly.

Resolutions taken by the Mapam political committee said that "far-reaching territorial concessions" in Judea and Samaria should be outlined in an Israeli "peace initiative," which should also include provisions "to solve the Palestinian question."

Another resolution deplored "the campaign of rumours and lies against the government" sponsored by "right-wing circles," and the provocations by Gush Emunim, destined to "undermine the decisive influence of the Labour movement in leading this country."

The Mapam political committee also called on the Labour Party to undertake to "stop all legislative initiatives to change the electoral system."

An informed Labour Party source said that if Mapam insisted on introducing major alterations in the Alignment it will cause insurmountable difficulties, and "the alignment will simply cease to exist."

Top U.S. defence mission arrives  
TEL AVIV. — A high-ranking United States Defence Department mission arrived yesterday for talks on American arms supplies to Israel.

Mr. Amos Jordan, Assistant Secretary of Defence and head of the mission, told newsmen at Ben-Gurion Airport that the group was on a tour of the Middle East to study the situation at first hand. He said they would meet the Prime Minister, the Defence Minister and army leaders to discuss "everything connected to the timing, the delivery dates and the selling of American arms."

The group will tour army installations and will also meet the commanders of the Air Force and Navy. Defence Ministry officials said it was the highest ranking Pentagon delegation ever to visit Israel.

The team is to visit Egypt, Yemen and Saudi Arabia, after its three-day visit here.

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## Majority on W. Bank want open contacts

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Defence Minister Shimon Peres said in a TV interview last night that, despite the current disturbances on the West Bank, most of the people there wanted open contacts and economic and social coexistence with Israel even though they did not necessarily agree with the Israeli presence.

Mayors and notables in West Bank towns, he said, are interested in restoring normal life. They possess influence and should be encouraged to exercise it. He had no doubt that the origin of the riots would be traced, but he would prefer the local leaders themselves to do this, and saw intervention by the security forces only as an alternative method.

"Our way is the right way," said Mr. Peres, quoting the example of Ramallah, where the imposition of a curfew has restored quiet. He hoped there would be no need for similar steps in other West Bank centres. However, he added, Israel would not hesitate to use all her resources to restore order.

Joshua Brilliant reports:  
A senior military officer said in Tel Aviv yesterday that the disturbances were inflamed by the PLO because it wanted to divert attention from its failure in Lebanon and the difficulties it had encountered in Syria.

Communists were also trying to fan tempers to increase their popularity before the April 21 municipal elections.

In meetings with military governors, Arab notables claimed they could not control rioting groups, the officer said. However, the government rejected the claim, and had warned that unless quiet was restored the army would act.

A senior officer told the foreign press later that "the policy is not to use force and to leave it to local leadership to try to calm things. If they fail, and disturbances reach a level where they endanger traffic and commerce, the army goes in, imposes a curfew and uses force to calm things."

Army sources pointed out yesterday that municipal services (such as supplies of water and electricity as well as garbage disposal) were continuing on the West Bank, labourers were still crossing the former Green Line to work in Israel. The bridges over the Jordan River were still open.

Levinger tells his men to fire if attacked  
Rabbi Moshe Levinger, leader of the Jewish settlers at Kiryat Arba, outside Hebron, told his followers to fire on demonstrators if they were attacked in the town yesterday. And a statement he gave on television last night is to be investigated by the Attorney-General to determine whether anything in it constitutes an offence.

Levinger said on TV he told inhabitants of Kiryat Arba to fire into the air if demonstrators threw stones at them in Hebron, and if the stone-throwing continued and there was danger, they were also permitted to fire to hit Rabbi Levinger emphasized on television that those were the only circumstances under which he told his followers that they were permitted to fire at demonstrators.

Also on television last night, Defence Minister Shimon Peres told a Mahat interview that he asked him "about extremists who were ready to take the law into their own hands," that any case of incitement or criminal action would be dealt with according to the law by the proper authorities.

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Ford denial on borders

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — President Ford last night told U.S. Jewish leaders that he had never promised President Sadat that he would put pressure on Israel to return to the 1967 borders.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Organizations — told reporters after the meeting that the President was quite clear in maintaining that he supported UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 on the question of borders.

Regarding arms to Egypt, Schindler said the President defended the proposed sale of six C-130 military transport planes to Egypt, arguing that the overall thrust of U.S. policy in the Middle East should be to help moderate Arab nations and to increase U.S. influence in the region. But the President said that there were no present plans for any other substantial commitments of weapons to Egypt, according to Schindler.

Iraq action was 'revolting'  
THE HAGUE. — Dutch Prime Minister Joop den Uyl yesterday charged that Iraqi authorities had executed a Dutch-born Jew without trial, and accused them of flouting "the most elementary human rights."

He was speaking at a news conference after Holland on Tuesday recalled its envoy from Baghdad in protest after being informed of the execution three months ago of Leon Aaronson, 40.

The Israeli news agency Ina said Aaronson emigrated to Israel in 1954, and had been convicted by a revolutionary tribunal of spying for that country.

(Aaronson's stepbrother, who lives in Beersheba, has said that Aaronson had only visited Israel once, in 1953.)

Den Uyl said: "Aaronson was executed without a form of trial, contrary to the most elementary human rights."

Dutch Foreign Minister Max van der Stoep, speaking at another news conference, described the execution as "a revolting business. I have no other word for it."

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## Order will be restored: Peres Riots spread to Judea and East Jerusalem

By ANAN SAFADI  
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

An Arab child was wounded seriously yesterday and two others slightly injured in an eastern Jerusalem suburb in the worst incident in six weeks of unrest that has gripped the Old City and most of the West Bank towns.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres last night cautioned local Arabs that Israel possessed enough resources to quell further disturbances, noting however that the authorities preferred that the local leadership would restore life to normal. He repeated that Israel would not hesitate to take all necessary measures to restore order.

Security forces yesterday used tear gas to disperse some 400 rioters in the Old City of Jerusalem, while clubs were used to disperse demonstrators in several West Bank towns including Hebron, Halhoul, Bethlehem, Beit Sahour, Jericho, Tulkarm and Kalkiya. Scores of rock-throwing rioters were detained.

The rioters were protesting against Jewish prayers at the Temple Mount (site of Al-Aksa) and Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria. Several mayors and their councils have resigned over the two issues.

The three Arabs were hit at the eastern Jerusalem suburb of Abu Dis by soldiers who drove across a roadblock and hail of rocks on the Jericho road.

Eye-witnesses said that five or six shots were fired from a military vehicle, hitting a 10-year-old boy, Ali Hussein Afana, in the head. The child was operated on for 4½ hours yesterday at Hadassah hospital, and his condition was reported critical last night. The shots also hit a 14-year-old girl and an 18-year-old youth, both of whom were hospitalized in East Jerusalem. The army was last night hunting for the vehicle, reportedly a Peugeot pick-up.

In the Old City of Jerusalem, some 300 youths broke out of a Temple Mount gathering and split into two groups, with each taking a different alley. Security forces moved into the demonstrations using tear gas and clubs. Several soldiers were lightly wounded by rocks. But in nearby alleys business was as usual.

In the West Bank, the worst riots took place in the town of Halhoul, north of Hebron, where a curfew was imposed. Halhoul was the third West Bank town to be placed under curfew, in Ramallah and el-Bireh, the curfew was in effect yesterday for the third day running.

A four-hour curfew was also imposed on the centre of Hebron yesterday following clashes between local rioters and residents of the nearby Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba who were in town for business and prayers at the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

The Hebron disturbances occurred as visiting Minister of Justice Haim Zadok inaugurated a new court building serving the town. Mr. Zadok said that current West Bank unrest had no link with the Temple Mount controversy, noting that "elements with no connection whatever with religious considerations" were instigating the riots. He repeated that the Government was determined to prevent Jews from praying at the Mount compound, citing a 1970 High

Court of Justice ruling barring such prayers.

With Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari standing by together with several local notables, the Justice Minister said that the authorities expected local leaders to take all measures to restore normal life. Otherwise, Mr. Zadok noted, the authorities will take strong action to maintain order.

Meanwhile, security reinforcements were yesterday reported to have been alerted in the Gaza Strip in the face of possible disturbances there, although life in that area has continued normally.

News of the West Bank unrest yesterday gathered momentum in neighbouring Arab states, many of which pledged support for the "uprising."

Syria's two main daily newspapers yesterday called on the Arab world to come to the aid of what they referred to as "the revolution of the Arab people in the occupied territories." The papers said that "the support of our people's revolution in the occupied land is a national duty which should be shouldered by the entire Arab world."

Indian 'no' to Egypt

NEW DELHI. — India refused to supply Egypt with spare parts for its Soviet-built Mig-21 jet fighters because of "contractual commitments," a government spokesman said yesterday.

He did not give details of the Egyptian request, or when it was made, but said the government had explained, "in all friendliness," the reasons why it could not supply parts.

(Reuters)



Troops on patrol in the Old City of Jerusalem yesterday where rioters had set alight tyres on boxes. (Rahamin Yisraeli)

## Rocket clashes in Beirut as Lebanese envoys go to Syria

BEIRUT. — Muslim and Christian gunmen traded rockets and mortar shells in Beirut yesterday while Lebanese politicians waited for Syria to find a solution to the civil war.

More Christian leaders and Palestinian terrorist heads flew to Damascus to join others already talking with Syrian President Hafez Assad about a settlement of the Lebanese conflict.

The Syrians appeared to hold the key following the collapse of government authority in Lebanon and a split in the army between Muslim rebels and coup leaders on one hand and Christian troops loyal to President Suleiman Franjeh on the other.

Renegade army troops and coup forces remained entrenched on the outskirts of the capital. Under Syrian pressure, leftist forces and the coup leader, Brigadier Aziz Abid, halted an advance on the presidential

palace to force the Christian Franjeh to step down.

Fighting continued between leftist gunmen and militiamen of the Christian Phalange party at the seaside hotel district. Leftists bombed the Holiday Inn hotel with mortars and rockets from an unfinished office tower, and rooftop snipers picked at traffic, the police said.

Twenty-six persons were reported killed and 15 wounded in sporadic fighting across the capital.

The Beirut fire brigade reported that 11 bodies also were found in combat zones. Some had been kidnapped and murdered and others were killed by sniper bullets.

Gunmen stormed the Al-Qalaa jail, in downtown Beirut, and set free 81 convicted women, the police said. Other bands of gunmen attacked country jails in northern and southern Lebanon and released "hundreds of prisoners," the police said.

A security spokesman said a total of 3,700 convicts have been freed by gunmen in two days.

Phalange leader Pierre Gemayel said in a private radio broadcast that his party was determined to "foil attempts at dismembering the country" into Christian and Muslim states. He praised Syria's intervention, which he said had halted "the escalating military action" to depose Franjeh.

A Washington report says that the U.S. has told Syria and Israel that it will not tolerate any interference in Lebanon.

U.S. State Department spokesman Robert Funseth would not mention any countries by name when he spoke to newsmen, saying only that the U.S. "has been in close touch with neighbouring countries" (AP)

A home in Sajour...

... a Druse settlement in Western Galilee: Joan Borsten reviews the villagers' problems

Labour pains: Yosef Goell reflects on the problems leading to the formation of the party's new steering forum.

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# Bank of Israel official suspected of breach of trust, bond speculation

**By ARTHUR KEMELMAN**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**L. AVIV.** — The deputy director of the Bank of Israel's External Banks Department, Yitzhak Grossman, was arrested last Friday on suspicion of breach of trust. He was remanded into seven days' custody.

According to yesterday's "Ma'ariv" report, Grossman is suspected of speculating in bonds, earning enormous profits since his position at the Bank of Israel gave him inside information.

There is also the suspicion, according to "Ma'ariv," that Grossman may have received special favors from the bank.

It is alleged that he bought bonds without paying the full amount, and the bonds went up in price. He sold them, he paid back to the bank the amount he owed.

Grossman's alleged violations are alleged to have taken place between 1973 and 1974, when he was deputy manager of the Bank of Israel's State Loans Administration.

Details surrounding the affair are unclear. The police have placed a news blackout on the matter, and the court protocol only states that Grossman agreed to the seven-day remand.

Zvi Hachohen, attorney for Grossman, told *The Jerusalem Post* that at the hearing no reference was made to his client having received favors from the Bank of Israel — a charge falling within the bribery section of the criminal code. The police, Hachohen said, had raised the question of breach of trust, but had not given any details.

Asked whether his client was co-operating with the police, Hachohen said he had advised Grossman it was unnecessary to answer police questions or to cooperate with them in any way. This is a matter the police can investigate by themselves, Hachohen explained. "We agree to the remand in order to give the police a free hand in their investigation."

A spokesman for the Bank of Israel told *The Jerusalem Post* that a special unit had been set up to determine whether Grossman was guilty of a breach of professional ethics. The bank has no intention of investigating the criminal aspects of the matter. It was noted that Bank of Israel officials are not allowed to buy stocks, but are free to buy and sell index-linked bonds.

The secrecy concerning the case — the delay in the court protocol reaching the public, and the lack of details in it — is believed to be the result of the excessive publicity surrounding the arrest of suspended customs director David Peled. In the course of that investigation, a high-ranking police official appeared on television and spoke as if Peled were guilty. To date no formal charges have been filed against Peled.

## Shlomo Shehori of 'Davar', at 67

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**UFA.** — Public figures, newsmen and friends yesterday attended the funeral of Shlomo Shehori, chairman of the Journalists Association, who died Tuesday night after a long illness. He was 67.

Until his retirement a year ago, Shehori was head of the "Davar" press in Haifa, a post he had held for two decades. He was a member of the executive of the National Federation of Journalists and member of the Press Council. He is survived by his wife, three married daughters and grandchildren.

# Israel will fight bid to oust her from 1978 Asian Games

**By JACK LEON**  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

**L. AVIV.** — Israel will resist all possible mean efforts now being stepped up to exclude her from the 1978 Asian Games, scheduled to be held in 1978 if a suitable venue can be found. The quadrennial event is organized by the Asian Games Federation (AGF), which Israel joined nearly 25 years ago, and she has been competing in the games regularly since 1954.

Reports reaching here state that when the federation executive meets in Kuala Lumpur next month, it will attempt to amend the constitution to allow any country to join the games to allow any one of the 29 AGF members to participate. If accepted, the proposal — put forward by the organization's secretary-treasurer Ali of Pakistan — would oblige the need to invite Israel, whose presence is said to cause political and security problems for prospective hosts.

So far, Singapore, India and Pakistan have all dropped plans to host the Eighth Games because of "problem" of Israel. But, if she is kept out, several countries including Iraq — would be willing to host the event.

Israel will not be represented at a meeting in Malaysia, having

lost her executive seat at the AGF which took place in Teheran at the time of the 1974 Asian Games there. Until then, Israel's Yosef Inbar had sat on the executive for 12 consecutive years.

Haim Givonitsky, honorary secretary of the Israeli Olympic Committee (under whose patronage the Asian Games are run), and a long-time council member of the AGF, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that Israel no longer received direct communications from the federation since its rotating headquarters had moved from Teheran to Lahore, Pakistan, two years ago. Pakistan is one of nearly 20 federation members with whom Israel has no official diplomatic relations, among them some half-dozen Arab states.

However, Israel is well aware of the hostile moves being made behind the scenes and the fact that the AGF subcommittee set up last year to find a new venue for the games was investigating means of excluding this country.

In an exclusive interview, Givonitsky said that, even if a negative decision was taken at Kuala Lumpur, it would still need the confirmation of next July's AGF congress in Montreal — and Israel will have three delegates at that meeting. He pointed out that the first clause in

the AGF constitution forbids all forms of discrimination against any member of the association in good standing.

Israel plans to fight for her rights through the International Olympic Committee and the many friends she still has in the Asian sports world.

Though Israel's closer proximity to Europe makes it more practical for her to compete there rather than in Asia, and she is indeed eager to increase sporting ties with Europe, this in no way negates Israel's wish to remain in the AGF and to continue to take part in the Asian Games. "We are part of Asia and will not relinquish our right to compete in sports activities on our own continent," Givonitsky stressed.

At the Seventh Games in Teheran, Bahrain, China (newly readmitted to the AGF), Iraq, Kuwait, North Korea and Pakistan all refused to compete against Israeli athletes in team events. As Arab, Moslem and Third World countries increased their efforts to oust Israel from all Asian sport, this combination succeeded by a 17-12 vote in expelling founder-member Israel from the Asian Football Confederation at its congress in the Iranian capital held during the games.

## SOCCER PREVIEW

### Top matches in Haifa, B'sheba

**THE TOP FOOTBALL** matches of the day this Saturday will be played in Kiryat Haim and Beersheba. Haifa Hapoel, who returned to winning form after eight games at expense of league leaders Beersheba Hapoel last week, will again meet at their Kiryat Haim home and to play second-place Jerusalem Betar, who will play their third consecutive away games, have the best away match record in the league for the past month; though Betar have not been their best and looked distinctly ragged against Ramat Amidar last week. At their peak, Jerusalem Betar would be a confident side to win, but on current form they will be happy to split points.

Beersheba Hapoel, who are three points ahead of Jerusalem Betar, will have five better than Haifa Hapoel, turn to the Negev. Tel Aviv Hapoel will be visitors. This will be an easy game for Beersheba, as the Tel Avivians are determined plodders who have been using points by determination rather than flair. They should have no better than draw 0:0 against

Bnei Yehuda last week. With Pelegbaum back in the team and now playing in defence, the Tel Aviv team has been considerably strengthened. But with Avitan, Barad, Elyahu and Ozer in, their attack, Beersheba Hapoel should just have the edge.

Jerusalem Hapoel played one of its better games at the Katamon ground last week and will play Beersheba Hapoel this Saturday, with the improved Hafia Maccabi as visitors. Ben-Rimov, Turjeman, Ben-David, Barash and Co. outplayed Netanya Maccabi to win 3:0 and a repeat performance will cause the Hafia Maccabi defence plenty of problems.

Haifa Maccabi looked better against Hadera Hapoel last week than at any time this season, with Shapiro and Yosef Levy playing well in attack and Schwager back at his best as stopper. Home-ground advantage should enable Hapoel to get the goal or two necessary to win this game.

Tel Aviv Maccabi return to Bloomfield Stadium after a nasty shock in Kiryat Haim last week against Jaffa Maccabi. Before that 0:2 defeat, Tel Aviv Maccabi won their last two home games against Shimshon and Netanya Maccabi, scoring seven goals. Petah Tikva Maccabi will be visitors. They can no longer be taken lightly following a smashing 3:0 win over Petah Tikva Hapoel last week, the biggest Petah Tikva derby win on record. Shimshon Kirat is the new Petah Tikva Maccabi leader who has been getting the goals in recent weeks. If the Tel Aviv defence can hold him, they will have half the battle won. But with Tel Aviv Maccabi so unpredictable this season, no result would come as a surprise in this game. Jaffa Maccabi will have gained tremendous confidence from their shock defeat of Tel Aviv Maccabi

last week. They have Netanya Maccabi as visitors to their Kiryat Haim ground this week. The performance of the Netanya team away from home is one of the conundrums of Israeli soccer. The Netanya team is one of the strongest in the country on paper, and they show it at home. But outside of the resort town they have been looking like a bottom-of-the-table team. But one always fears that Netanya Maccabi can surprise, and it might be safest to mark a draw for this game.

Ten persons got all 13 games marked correctly on the Sportoto football pool last week, each collecting IL79,000. Some 140 coupons showed 12 correct results, each worth IL2,650. Eleven right will earn IL190, and ten correct win IL26.

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Girl students from Beit Berl joined soldiers in a Golan bunker yesterday to help make Purim merry. (Lester Millman)

# Purim penetrated walled cities, Haifaite entertained by students

**By JUDY SIEGEL**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Purim penetrated the fortified cities yesterday as the holiday was celebrated with singing, silliness and sumptuous meals in Jerusalem and a few other places.

While the Diaspora and most of Israel celebrated Purim on Monday evening and Tuesday, cities which were surrounded by walls at the time of Joshua delayed their festivity until Tuesday evening and Wednesday.

The traditional reason for the delay is that the Jews who lived in the walled Persian capital of Shushan were still defending themselves from their enemies on the 14th of Adar and couldn't rejoice over their rescue until the following day.

The dancers were so thick in Jerusalem's Mea Shearim quarter yesterday after the second reading of the Book of Esther that traffic snarled and had to be rerouted. Thousands of people went to the Western Wall early yesterday morning to hear the reading; but a number of women, standing across the divider, had difficulty hearing every word (as is required).

Children and light-hearted adults in costumes — the more ludicrous the better — could be seen delivering mishloach manot (food parcels) to their friends. Some stores closed early in Jerusalem, and celebrating workers took the day off.

At Kfar Habad, hassidim sat for seven hours with rapt attention to a live transmission of a sermon from the Lubavitcher Rebbe in Brooklyn, New York.

The speech was recorded and sent to five other hassidic strongholds in Israel. Rabbi Menachem Schneerson compared the Purim story of Mordechai and Esther with the need for courage and resoluteness against Israel's enemies today.

Soldiers at their bases and in the field were not forgotten on the holiday. Some 250 girls from schools and colleges around the country visited soldiers from Mt. Hermon

to the disengagement line in Sinai. They took over the eating halls and clubrooms, decorating them and leaving food and costumes for all.

**Ya'acov Friedler adds:**

In Haifa, the Technion's architecture students cheered the town up for an hour yesterday afternoon, when they passed through the main streets of Hadera, Haifa and their traditional "Archiparcade" Purim parade. The once-annual parade had been suspended since the 1973 war.

Led by a posse of students on horseback, dozens of decorated cars and horse-drawn wagons passed by, pulling floats and raising a terrific rumpus. Their occupants blew horns, played instruments and manipulated giant Purim "gragers" (noise-makers). The students, most of whom had dressed in costumes, appeared to be having a good time, entertaining the crowds that lined the road and throwing white powder and polyethylene "snowflakes" at them.

The parade, escorted by police, went off in good order and without mishap. Organized by the Technion's Student Union, it was prepared by the students on their own time, on a shoestring IL4,000 budget. The municipality had rejected the union's request for a contribution and even charged them the usual publicity fee for postage advertisements announcing the parade on municipal billboards.

The students got their own back with a float showing the municipality "dead," in a coffin.

**'MOROCCO INVITES JEWS TO RETURN'**

**AMMAN.** — Moroccan Prime Minister Ahmed Othman yesterday announced that his country "is inviting all the Moroccan Jews who emigrated to Israel to return to Morocco," a local newspaper said.

Othman's call — for the Jews of Moroccan origin to help build up Morocco "and live there in peace" — appeared in an interview published in the Amman paper "A-Destour." A similar "appeal" was issued by Iraq several months ago, in the form of a newspaper advertisement in England.

Elsewhere in the interview Othman said the U.S. was not doing enough to settle the Middle East conflict and demanded that it step up its efforts to establish peace.

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President Ephraim Katzir Sunday swore in Judge Ze'ev Lotan to the District Court bench, and Amiram Dannenberg and Yehoshua Diamant judges of the Magistrates Court.

He also appointed Ya'acov Bezalel as a temporary traffic court judge.

Justice Minister Haim Zadok and the courts' director, Judge Moshe Nacht, were present at the ceremony at Beit Hanassi.

## Lebanese mother in Safad: 'Needed care urgently'

**By YESHAYAHU ASHNI**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**SAFAD.** — The Lebanese woman who crossed the border on Tuesday to give birth to a healthy baby boy at the Rebecca Steif Hospital here said yesterday in the maternity ward that she had needed medical care urgently to deliver her baby.

The 31-year-old Maronite has one daughter, aged four, and had had four medically induced abortions. During the third month of her last pregnancy, she underwent an operation to prevent the cervix from dilating prematurely. As the time for delivery neared, she needed medical treatment.

However, the roads north from

her village near the border had been closed, and sounds of shooting and explosions frightened her out of trying to reach a Lebanese hospital.

"I was very anxious to save my baby, and my husband agreed that I should cross the border into Israel to get the necessary treatment during the delivery. My husband and a woman accompanied me to the border, until we met an Israeli army unit, which immediately brought me to hospital here," she said.

She was happy to have given birth to a healthy boy and was full of praise for the way she was being treated at the hospital.

# AMERICANS CAN VOTE IN PRIMARY Israel may have a vote at U.S. Democratic convention

**By JUDY SIEGEL**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

For the first time in the history of American presidential elections, Israel is likely to be represented this year by a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

The reason isn't that Israel has become the 51st state — it is that U.S. citizens living here have been given the opportunity to make their voices heard on the candidate they favour for the nomination.

All the delegates will meet at New York's Madison Square Garden in July.

Miron Sheakin, chairman of the Israel branch of the Democratic National Committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the party decided to give representation to American citizens living in France, Belgium, Germany, Canada, Greece, Great Britain, Mexico, Holland, Switzerland, Italy, Iran and Israel. Since

six delegates and three alternates have been assigned to the overseas bloc, Israel is likely, he said, to be represented.

All U.S. citizens of voting age living in Israel who identify with the Democratic Party (no formal membership is required) should write to Dr. Sheakin (before April 20) at P.O.B. 16125 (if they want to register for a ballot. (An estimated 55,000 American citizens live in Israel, out of a total of 1.5m. residing anywhere outside the U.S.)

Ballots will be sent out from the party's overseas headquarters in London at the end of April. Citizens in the 12 countries may vote for delegates from any of those countries.

The Republican Party has not made a similar arrangement for residents outside the U.S. However, a committee for Ronald Reagan has been organized in Israel. (See profile of Jimmy Carter, back page)

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## K warns of dangers of M.E. stagnation

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on Tuesday warned of grave consequences if the "momentum" towards Middle East peace were stopped, or if "those countries that have relied on the U.S." — an apparent reference to Egypt — were "disappointed, or worse yet publicly humiliated." Kissinger was testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (reported briefly in yesterday's Jerusalem Post).

Kissinger, in his formal opening remarks, referred to the Middle East diplomatic achievements of the past two years as "unprecedented steps toward peace." But he warned that they must continue so that "stagnation" can be avoided — and the "economic well-being of the world" remain intact.

Asked to comment on published

reports quoting senior CIA officials as saying that Israel already has 10 atomic bombs, the Secretary said that Israel has repeatedly insisted that it will not be the first Middle East country to introduce nuclear weapons into the region.

Regarding Soviet behaviour in the Middle East, Kissinger said that the Soviets could certainly make diplomatic progress more difficult by complicating the situation, although he declined to flatly say that Soviet "cooperation" was an absolutely essential ingredient for additional progress.

Unlike earlier statements made by Administration officials during private meetings with Congressmen, the Secretary did not discuss the establishment of a U.S.-Egyptian "military supply relationship," only the sale of six C-130 transport planes.

Political observers here commented that the Administration, in response to the hostile reaction by Congress and the U.S. Jewish leadership over the arms proposal, has decided to change its tactics in opening the arms pipeline to Egypt. In order to ease Congressional passage of the \$39m. C-130 deal, Administration spokesmen, including Kissinger, are now making the point that the only item on the agenda is this plane.

"The only decision we have taken with respect to supplies to Egypt is six C-130s," Kissinger said. "Those planes cannot possibly affect a military balance in which arms to Israel in this year alone exceed a billion dollars. They have no effect at all on the strategic balance."

"We have made no other decisions with respect to arms, and were we to make such a decision, we would go first to the Congress, and particularly to this committee, for a full discussion of the implication of the supply of lethal equipment."

### 'Tanks, missiles barred to Israel'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — "Aviation Week" this week lists equipment which it says Israel had asked the U.S. for and been refused. The magazine says that it includes more than 100 anti-tank missiles, M-40 tanks, a resupply of RF-4 Phantom photo-reconnaissance aircraft, remotely piloted vehicles, helicopter gunships, smart bombs, battlefield radar and night vision equipment.

The magazine also says that to reduce the economic pressure caused by Israel's huge defence budget and to bolster employment Israel is moving as much work as possible into the country's industries, and is seeking permission from the U.S. to spend \$130m. in Israel on defence products.

## Princess Margaret divorce 'imminent' U.K. papers say

LONDON. — British newspapers yesterday splashed frontpage reports that Queen Elizabeth had agreed to a separation or divorce between her younger sister, Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman confirmed the Queen had discussed the state of the marriage with other members of the royal family but he would not comment on the press reports.

The "Daily Express" said an announcement of a separation was imminent. The "Daily Mirror" said divorce proceedings had already begun between the couple.

Reports of a strain in the marriage of the Queen's only sister and fifth in line to the throne started last month when Princess Margaret was photographed on holiday on the Caribbean island of Montserrat with 27-year-old Etonian Roddy Llewellyn.

The 45-year-old princess returned to London two weeks ago and was not met by her 46-year-old husband. The couple have a 14-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter.

Since they married in May 1960 there have been recurring reports of marriage troubles but each time

the stories have been denied. The "Mirror" quoted a palace official as saying, "Everything possible has been done to make the couple patch up their differences. But the situation has become untenable — not only for the Snowdons. It has also become a cause of great distress for the Queen."

For Queen Elizabeth the reports may recall another occasion when she stepped into her young sister's private life. In 1955 Princess Margaret hoped to wed Group Captain Peter Townsend, but decided against the match because of the Queen's opposition to her marrying a divorced man.

### A \$3,000 reprimand

WASHINGTON. — Dr. Malcolm R. Currie, the Pentagon's research chief, was severely reprimanded on Tuesday night by U.S. Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who ordered him to forfeit four weeks' pay — \$3,200 — for accepting hospitality from Rockwell International, a major defence contractor.



Prime Minister Harold Wilson yesterday, 24 exhausting hours after he announced his resignation, leaves in his rain-splattered car from Downing Street for the House of Commons, where he intends to become a back-bencher. (UPI telephoto)

## Five M.P.s enter race for British Premier

LONDON. — Five Labour cabinet members yesterday entered the contest for Britain's next Prime Minister, among them two ardent leftists and an experienced "man of the centre" Foreign Secretary James Callaghan.

Callaghan, 64 this month and the Labour party's bluff "uncle" figure, is most favoured among the candidates who have so far put their names forward for the secret ballot by Labour Members of Parliament which will take place from Monday to Thursday next week.

The one elected as Labour party leader will automatically become premier, succeeding 60-year-old Prime Minister Harold Wilson on Tuesday by announcing his resignation.

Callaghan could be expected to continue the policies of Wilson — harsh anti-inflation measures and preservation of a mixed economy. But a strong left-wing challenge emerged yesterday, dedicated to bringing the government more towards socialism.

Two powerful figures from the party's minority left wing joined the race — the controversial Energy Secretary Anthony Wedgwood Benn, 50, and fiery orator Michael Foot, 62-year-old Employment Secretary.

The two other candidates were Home Secretary Roy Jenkins, who will attract votes from the party's right-wing, and Environment Secretary Anthony Crosland who said he aimed at "the common ground which unites both left and right."

Prices Secretary Shirley Williams,

the only plausible woman candidate, said she did not want to enter the contest.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey, whose recent tough talking angered many on the left, indicated that he also may not run. He has not committed himself, but stressed that he was busy preparing his budget, due in three weeks, which he described as "the most important of this parliament," aimed at encouraging some economic recovery without aggravating inflation.

Bookmakers yesterday made Callaghan the strong favourite to win at 7 to 4 on. He is regarded as the man most likely to reunite the party rather than split it.

Wilson's exit from No. 10 Downing Street will mean the departure of Israel's best friend ever among its occupants. He was constantly in touch with Israeli affairs, and only this weekend entertained Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and Israel's ambassador Gideon Rafael at his country home in Chequers.

His friendship with Israeli leaders is well-known, and the photo of his famous kiss of Golda Meir was front page news during a Socialist International summit here some years ago. President Sadat of Egypt mentioned how Wilson used his special bond with Israeli leaders to facilitate the Israel-Egypt interim agreement when it hit an impasse. Wilson was due to have visited Israel, Egypt and other countries in the summer.

## Third bomb in three days found on London's tube

LONDON. — A nationwide search of rush-hour trains began here yesterday after three bomb incidents in 36 hours on London's underground system.

The search covered the entire 11,000-mile British rail surface network and the 252-mile London underground system, of which 99 miles are below the surface, rail officials said.

All rolling stock in depots and sidings was searched before it went out on service, they said.

The searches were ordered after a London transport carriage cleaner discovered a five-pound bomb in an empty train at the Neasden depot in northwest London. The train was scheduled for rush-hour service to the City, London's financial district.

The Yard's anti-terrorist squad was called in and defused the bomb at dawn, three hours after it was discovered. Police speculated the bomb was timed to explode during the morning rush.

A bomb exploded in an empty London underground train on Tuesday night 10 minutes before it was to take hundreds of soccer fans home from a game. The only casualty was a 41-year-old man hit by flying glass.

Yesterday's bomb was the fifth planted — probably by IRA terrorists — on London's rail and underground system in a month. A terrorist who planted Monday's bomb in a train in London's East End was captured after he shot the train driver dead in an escape bid.

NUCLEAR TESTS. — Back-to-back nuclear devices were detonated at the Nevada test site early yesterday, causing a pair of earth tremors that were felt in Las Vegas. (AP)

## Lebanon's takeover — far from the standard coup d'etat

By ALAN COWELL  
BEIRUT. — The so far inconclusive takeover attempt by military men in Lebanon has been anything but a standard coup d'etat.

Seven days after the attempt to oust him started, President Suleiman Franjeh is still precariously in office, despite a conditional pledge to step down.

The usual coup formula involves a small group of men, backed by troops, quickly seizing key points, such as radio stations and army centres of possible resistance, sealing off the country to prevent foreign intervention and replacing the head of state before the populace

realizes what has happened. But when he launched his "Corrective Movement" here last Thursday, Brig. General Adib al-Ahbab informed the nation in advance by television, left the President and his supporters in peace and stayed in his headquarters.

His military backing was uncertain, and Franjeh's picture hung on the office wall behind him. He did not nominate a successor to the president.

His seizure of one radio station merely prompted his opponents to seize other transmitters and Beirut's airwaves have become a propaganda free-for-all.

The situation has had elements of farce. The leader of the "Corrective Movement," sitting in his ornate stucco headquarters, received an endless stream of aides and foreign journalists and broadcast a series of demands for a new president to be elected.

Some 10 kms. away the head of state he was supposed to be ousting sat in his palace, ignoring the general and refusing to budge.

The Brigadier insists that his movement is not a coup and his tactics bear him out.

The Corrective Movement, rather than mounting the usual swift takeover effort with the threat of force, lost momentum as the days dragged

by, with Franjeh silently defying it.

The rebellion's leadership became disintegrated between parliament, army mutineers and a motley array of leftwing gunmen for the president's blood, until Syria moved in to freeze the situation.

Brig. Adhab brought in the politicians of Lebanon's 99-seat parliament to help him unseat Franjeh last weekend. More than 70 of them signed a petition calling on the head of state to go.

He did no such thing. Then came the rag-tag band of army mutineers under the nominal leadership of Lieutenant Ahmed al-Khatib. On Monday they began a two-pronged drive on the presidential palace while further confusing the situation, 80 Lebanese army commando officers loyal to Brig. Adhab also threatened to force Franjeh out at gunpoint.

After that came reports that the Syrians had ordered their "Palestine Liberation Army" troops to halt a rebel armoured column heading for the presidential palace. The Syrian move was said to have been aimed at taking the steam out of the planned attacks on the palace to prevent massive bloodshed. Confusion reigned and the troops of the rebel column were left to content themselves with taking pot-shots at a huge flock of storks overhead.

(Reuters)

## Giscard in trouble

France under fire; leftist gains in poll

By JACK MAURICE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — President Giscard d'Estaing and his government have emerged from the county council elections with their parliamentary majority reduced to a national minority, the franc in the heat of the firing line and discontent mounting in every sector of the French social spectrum.

The Left was the clear winner of the county poll. The Socialists, Communists and their allies scooped over 52 per cent of the ballots. Socialist Secretary-General Francois Mitterrand says: "A national trend is now established. The situation, which brought Giscard to the presidency two years ago by less than half of one per cent of the votes cast has been reversed. According to a poll organized by the political weekly, 'Le Nouvel Observateur,' if parliamentary elections were conducted now, the combined left-wing parties would control over 240 seats and the present majority under 235.

County council or — as the French call them, cantonal elections — rarely attract a big turnout. Voters prefer to spend Sunday betting on the triple-chance horse-racing tote, fishing or taking it easy with the family. Big national issues are not at stake and the ordinary Frenchman feels more concerned by municipal elections, which involve his own town or village, than by the broader national problems.

But this month it has been different. The poll, held on two successive Sundays, brought out more voters than any previous local ballot for 20 years. The government deliberately turned the election into a trial of strength. Premier Jacques Chirac campaigned in his own native Corrèze department, where he held his cantonal seat, on a virulent anti-Communist platform far removed from grass-roots issues. Other Gaullist chiefs followed his lead.

This strategy rebounded severely. By selecting the opposition leaders — the Socialist Francois Mitterrand and the Communist Georges Marchais — as their targets for insulting gibes, the government antagonized Frenchmen who identify themselves with these political figures.

The elections were conducted against a background of high unemployment — over 1,000,000 Frenchmen are without work — and uncertainty about the franc. During the days preceding the second and decisive poll, the Bank of France shed one-third of the country's reserves in a desperate bid to prop up the currency. The government blamed the British for exposing the franc by refusing to withstand an attack by speculators on the sterling. But, with a 10 per cent drop in its own value, the franc was weak enough in its own right.

An hour after the last votes were in, Finance Minister Jean Pierre Fourcade finally admitted he had been fighting a losing battle. He announced that the franc, which was limited to a maximum fluctuation of 2.25 per cent against other Common Market countries within the so-called European "snake," would henceforth float freely. On its first day of freedom it dropped by 4.5 per cent against the dollar and the Deutschmark, a fall from which it only partly recovered on Tuesday and yesterday.

The elections followed an outbreak of violence in the vineyards of southwestern France where grape-growers, outraged by the government's failure to protect their livelihood against imports of cheap Italian wine, clashed with riot police. In an exchange of rifle fire, a peasant and a policeman were killed. The bloodshed hardly contributed to enhancing the

government's image among farmers before they went to cast their ballots.

The writing on the wall appeared so grim for the government before the poll that the majority party leaders held an emergency meeting at which they denounced Giscard for failing to produce a programme which could compete with the so-called "Common Front" of the Socialists and Communists. The meeting was summoned by Giscard's most trusted lieutenants, including Premier Chirac, Interior Minister Michel Poniatowski and Minister of Justice Jean Lecanuet.

They accused Giscard of trying to be all things to all men by attempting to lure left-wing Radicals and Socialists under his banner. This tactic, they argued, had caused disarray among staunch Gaullists who failed to understand how the President could canvass the support of the leftwingers who had repudiated him when he stood against Mitterrand for the presidency in May 1974.

The Socialists are the big winners of this contest. With 31 per cent of the votes cast, they now rank as France's leading party, far outstripping the Communists who raked in 17 per cent. The Gaullists collected only 12 per cent and Giscard's Independent Republicans 7 per cent.

It was symbolic that, while the votes were being counted, Mitterrand was dining with other European Socialist leaders at Porto as guests of Portugal's Premier Mario Soares. It was the Portuguese example that Socialists can rule without being trampled on by Communists which has changed the image of future left-wing government in France. If Portuguese Socialists can stand up to Communists as Stalinists as Alvaro Cunhal and to an extreme Left which is backed with the army, surely Mitterrand can resist the pressure of Marchais who has renounced the dictatorship of the proletariat and the dictates of Moscow.

Such must have been the reasoning of many Frenchmen last Sunday. But they were also certainly expressing exasperation with local bigwigs who had represented Gaullism for 18 years. Giscard must be alarmed by the loss of support among young voters who tipped the balance in his favour during the Elysee Palace contest.

When Mitterrand refurbished the Socialist Party during the early 1970s, his slogan was to broaden its membership to include all opponents of the Fifth Republic "from the Maoists to the leading citizen." He is well on the way to achieving this objective.

The Communists are visibly uneasy about the increasing predominance of the Socialists in the left-wing partnership. George Marchais said on television after the poll there were signs that the Socialists had failed to turn out solidly to support Communist candidates in the second run-off balloting. He added: "This is contrary to the spirit of the alliance of the Left and a very serious matter."

The French Government is banking its hopes on the possibility that the left-wing alliance will not stand the test of time. In their heart of hearts, the Gaullists welcome the grave warnings from President Ford Secretary Henry Kissinger and General Haig that the U.S. cannot countenance Communist membership of Nato governments. In order to avoid a split in his own ranks, Giscard will have to refuse to stop the decay of morale among the true-blue Gaullists who are still the lifeblood of the ruling administration. France is not scheduled to elect a new Parliament until 1978. But municipal elections are to be held next year. Both sides are already marshalling their forces for this combat.

## Hearst: Patty not a rebel

SAN FRANCISCO. — Randolph A. Hearst took the witness stand on Tuesday to defend his daughter Patricia, describing her as a "strong-willed" but not a rebel ready for conversion to terrorism.

Hearst also accused a prosecution psychiatrist of urging him to become involved in "plea bargaining" rather than go forward with his daughter's bank robbery trial.

The main point of Hearst's testimony was that the 22-year-old defendant was not the rebel described in prosecution testimony the day before by Dr. Harry Kozol.

"She was a very bright girl, pretty," said Hearst.

Asked by Defence Attorney F. Lee Bailey if he recognized Kozol's descriptions of his daughter as angry and bitter, a rebel in search of a cause, Hearst said firmly, "No."

"She was fun to be with. She had a strong personality and was pretty independent," he said. (AP)

## GLANCE AT THE WORLD

### 'K delayed arms to Israel'

NEW YORK. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger deliberately delayed the dispatch of U.S. military supplies to Israel during the 1973 Middle East war, Admiral Adm. Zumwalt Jr., former chief of naval operations, contends in his book, "On Watch," to be published in May.

According to "New York Times" correspondent Drew Middleton, Zumwalt said that although Kissinger blamed then-Defence Secretary James Schlesinger for holding up supplies for Israel, "it was Henry himself who stalled the airlift. I do not mean to imply that he wanted Israel to lose the war. He simply did not want Israel to win decisively. He wanted Israel to bleed just enough to soften it up for the post-war diplomacy he was planning." (JTA)

### 14 years for Greek strongman

ATHENS. — An Athens criminal court on Tuesday sentenced former Greek strongman Dimitrios Ioannides to 14 years' imprisonment on charges of instigating a military conspiracy against the democratic regime in February 1975.

Cashed-out Colonel Dimitrios Papapostolou was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment on the same charges.

The court said the two men had given directions to junior officers who visited them in prison or were contacted through liaisons. (AP)

### Military alert in Bangkok

BANGKOK (AP). — Bangkok went on a military alert last night in order to prevent expected violent clashes between pro- and anti-American military pressure groups. The deadline of the total pullout of U.S. forces from Thailand is only three days away, Defence Minister Pramarn Adireksarn reported.

The alert, which affects Bangkok only, was ordered by the Supreme Commander of the armed forces, Admiral Sangad Chalorvong, who has repeatedly said Bangkok had been infiltrated by 122 insurgent "sappers" disguised as food vendors, politicians and prostitutes. (AP)

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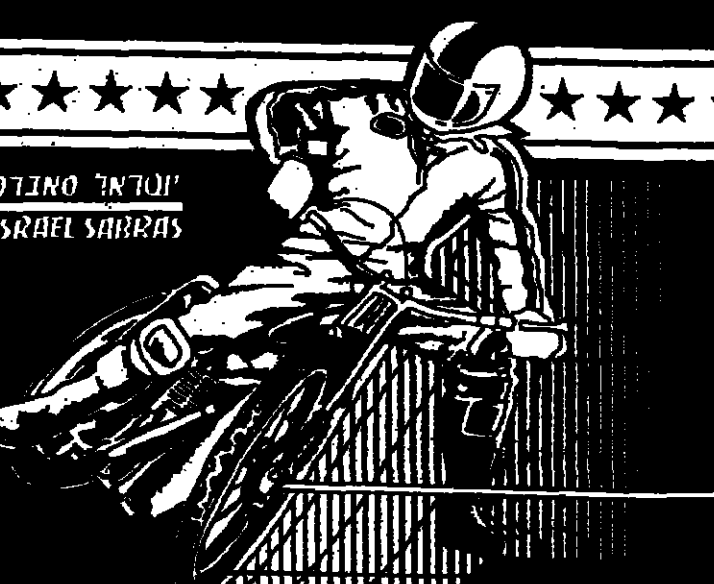
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# Impressive immigrant

NE OF THE most impressive Russian immigrants in Israel is not a professor but a chambermaid. Remarkable — that is the word used by everyone who meets her to describe Batia Jitnitsky, a blonde, round-faced woman from Minsk who came here nearly five years ago with her daughter Alla, now 18, and her son Shai, now 20.

In Russia, she supervised the staff of "Pavlinka," a large souvenir and gifts shop. In Israel, knowing only Russian and Yiddish, she took a job cleaning rooms at the Tel Aviv Hilton soon after arriving. At first, for lack of funds, she walked to work from her flat in Jaffa. Besides her remarkable, she is also inevitably described as "cheerful, tolerant, optimistic, and always helpful."

Remarkable too, perhaps, is the fact that Batia is not always its own reward, for Batia is this year's winner of the Tel Aviv Hilton's "Kol HaKavod" campaign, in which hotel guests are invited to choose the most courteous and pleasant employee they have ever encountered. One employee is chosen each month, and the annual winner is picked from among these twelve.

(For "invisible" staff members whose contact with guests is unseen, here is a parallel "Kol HaKavod" campaign, for which this year's winner is also a new immigrant — Morris Keer of the U.S., who works in the auditing department. In this contest, winners are chosen by staff supervisors; for the "visible" employees, such as waitresses, bellboys, doormen, etc., one thousand of guest ballots are cast each year.)

For her prize, Batia gets a trip to Greece after Passover, when the hotel receives a large number of tourists. Batia, who is very young, very beautiful, and very capable, is hardly an impossible dream for an American accountant.

For Batia, it is still incredible: "My friends in Russia are going to find it very hard to believe!" What may startle Israelis nearly as much, given the assumption that immigrants' most inalienable rights, is Batia's sunny outlook, which she sums up: "This is my land, and I'm happy here." This, too, is how she describes herself to Hilton guests — many of whom, she happily reports, are still Yiddish-speakers — while idling up the bathroom and making her bed. "Tourism," she adds earnestly, "is Israel's oil." She is studying Hebrew at an evening ulan.

When I asked Batia if she could not dig up some word of complaint, she finally admitted, reluctantly,



Batia Jitnitsky and hotel manager Eddy Florjia.

By MANJA WOLSKA  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

that when she applied for a loan at the Jewish Agency the (Russian-speaking) clerk across the desk was not the soul of kindness. "But please, please don't write that," she added immediately, and returned to the point a number of times during our conversation.

BATIA'S CHILDREN are, of course, in the academic world. Her husband, from whom she is separated, is a painter; he remained in Minsk. "And we lived very well. I didn't come here to improve my standard of living," Itzhak is at the Technion completing studies in architecture; after serving his army term here. His Russian wife, already working as an architect. The couple have two young children. "And life has been very difficult for them in Haifa with so little money. They certainly aren't interested in things like having a car — they're happy with what they have, though it has been hard. My son is a tremendous Zionist. He was the one who made the decision for the three of us to come here. He is a wonderful boy, and has a wonderful group of friends here. Fifteen of them. They studied together there, and all came together from Minsk. One of them is the boy who wrote the song 'Kahol Lavan'. They're all Israeli patriots, and not one would dream of leaving."

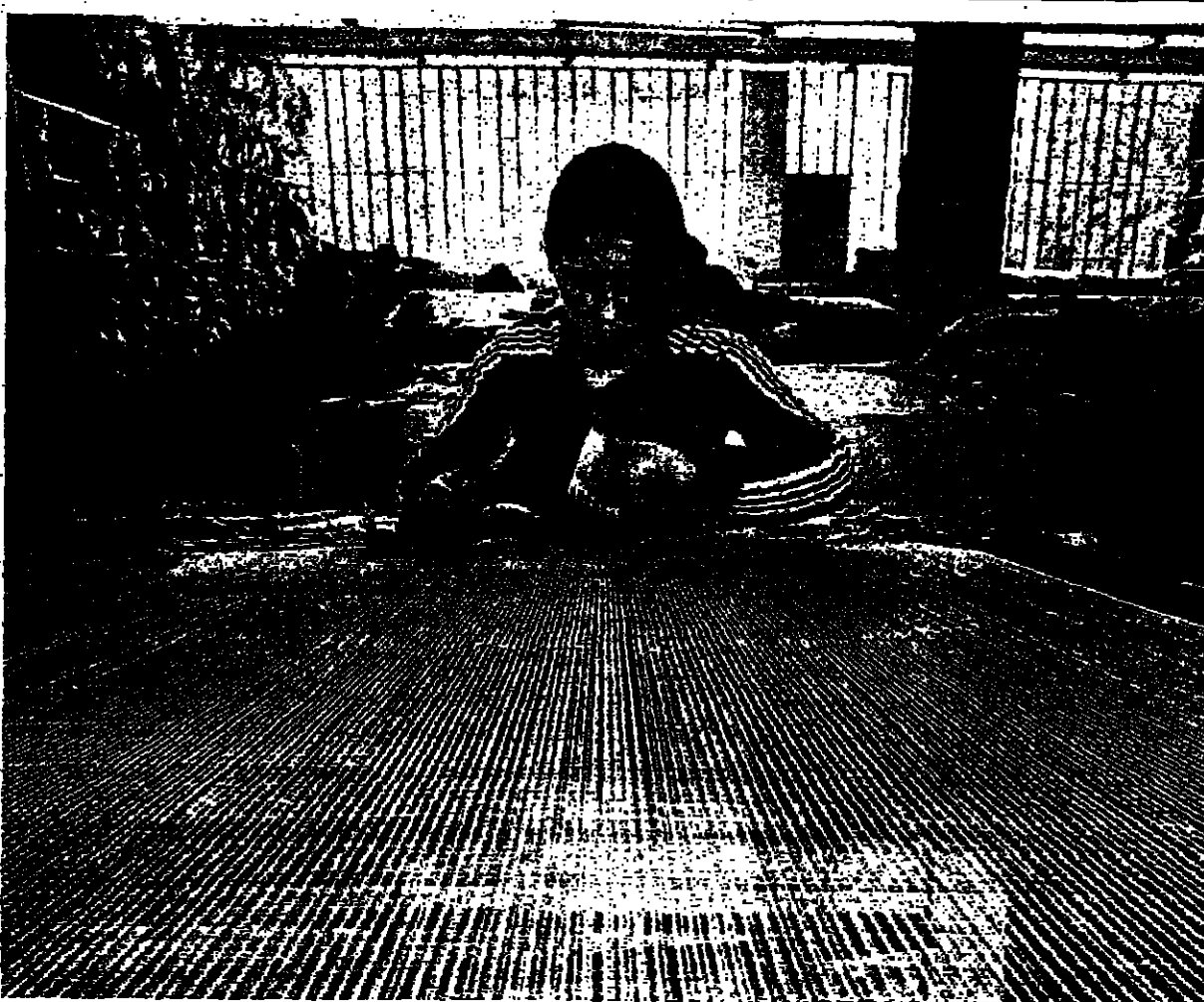
On that question, Batia added, "I had a neighbour here in Jaffa — a woman doctor from Russia who was doing very well, and had a fine flat. She and her son decided to leave. I had many long talks with them, but it didn't help. I think one of the biggest reasons why immigrants from Russia leave Israel is the fear of war, fear that the sons will have to fight."

Apparently even Batia is impressed by the staunchness of her own son's feelings, and even she teases him about his allegiance. "After all, I asked him once, wasn't it very difficult serving in the army here? He answered that if it came to that, one can die anywhere. 'But if I die here,' he said, 'it will be with a rifle in my hand.'" Itzhak's two sons are named — Israel and Yehuda.

Daughter Alla was married two months ago to a physician, from Riga, whom she met here. "I arranged a very beautiful wedding for them, at Beit HaBayal, and everybody said it really was special." Batia is not, however, anxious to become a grandmother again too soon which sets her apart from the totally traditional Jewish mother: "Oh no, Alla must study. She is in a course for special education, and has at least three more years..."

BATIA had never heard of the Hilton before coming to Israel; the fanciest and newest hotel she knew in Russia was the "Ukrainian" in Moscow. In a way, she had luck landing where she did, because the Hilton's housekeeping department, under Yardenia Schatz, is a model of efficiency — well — unusually high morale. Yardenia, it is said, gives the women on her staff "honour and pride in work — not just rooms to clean." Little wonder, in a way: Yardenia Schatz worked for years under Lotte Eisenberg, whose hotel training standards are probably second to none anywhere. Batia, in any case, has no complaints about either the pay or the strenuous work, and comments with a smile, "One does not live by bread alone." She had little choice in the beginning, but now would not dream of working anywhere else. "She was our first Russian," Mrs. Schatz told me, "but since she came, we've hired perhaps 17 more. They're all very good, but Batia is — remarkable."

"Please don't write what I said about the Jewish Agency," Batia repeated as we said goodbye.



Tapestries designed by local and foreign artists are woven, mostly by girls and women from the Druze village of Dalat, at the Mambush weaving workshop in Elin Hod. One tapestry takes an average of six months daily work to complete according to coded instructions on an illustration below the loom. Artists who have contributed designs include Janco, Ardon, Bergner, Bezmen, Bezalel Schatz and Margalit among the Israelis and Jean Arp, Abraham Ratner, Richard Callner and Robert Heilman among those from abroad. The photo above by Yakir Gershon shows a weaver at work. On the right weavers gather under a tapestry "Leda and the Swan" by Richard Callner (photo Oskar Tauber).

TWENTY FIVE years ago MICHAEL ARGOV was just beginning to discover what it meant to brush paint onto canvas, to solve drawing problems related to pictorial space, to "consider" colour and most important to find a satisfactory stylistic framework.

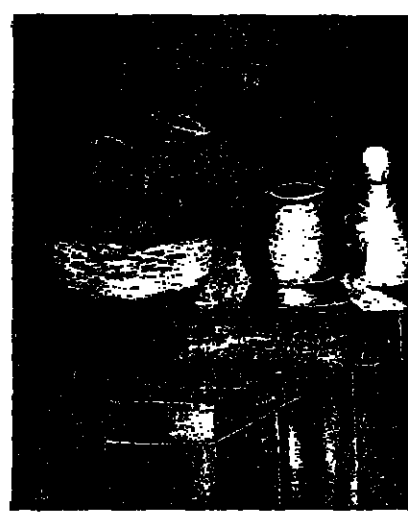
Today, Argov is a pure abstractionist. His architectural canvases, reliefs, sculptures multiples and prints are expressions of a non-objective reality organized around minimal geometric forms and primary colours. In a brave attempt to indicate a possible developmental process that has led to this present distinctive style, he shows 46 oils painted during his stay in France (1950-53).

The early years (1950-53) indicate a penchant for subjective perfection but are characterized by an objective stiffness, drawn from observation and reduced into flat ornamental illustrations; the special frontality is segmented by windows and walls delineated by clear unmottled colour. This planned "appropriateness" is followed by a somewhat liberated drawing style (female nudes and more interiors) and a deeper concern for the painted surface.

As Argov experimented with new modes of expression he strangely enough got further away from his present method. Canvases from 1955-58 contain little of the planar constructions of 1950-53 or of 1976. They explode into fragments of colour chips surrounded by open-ended black linear mullions and grey backdrops, a quality that extends the compositional axis without placing real restraint on the

## PURE ABSTRACTS

TEL AVIV GALLERIES  
GIL GOLDFINE



Still-life by Chava Polivoda

colour. However here, for the first time, he has jumped from painting a natural scene to creating a romantic abstraction. Even when the subject is semi-figurative, he cunningly exposes a desire to modify the rendering of

factual images into expressions of feeling by exaggerating the painterly quality of peripheral areas of the canvas.

Possibly on purpose, the most recent paintings in the show (1959) are two that contain elements that predate 1976. They place less emphasis on chromatic license and return to a more programme form of composing. By dovetailing grey and white shapes neatly into each other Argov arrived at a pictorial stability which was nevertheless allowed to expand and contract by the inclusion of a provisional gust of supportive pigment. (Rene Darrow Gallery, 30 Gordon, Tel Aviv, till March 28).

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CHAVA POLIVODA'S canvases are naïvely drawn, clumsily painted and technically below par. But despite all that they are hauntingly handsome pictures, especially the still life. A consistent use of front lighting allows Polivoda to render dramatically furniture and kitchen accessories and her use of dark tones (greens, browns, saffron violets and blues) projects a feeling of forbidding mystery via a scene of imaginary solitude. She packs her entire pictorial surface with similar tones so that voids, shadows and objects interplay in segmented rhythmic patterns of a horizontal-vertical nature. The solidity of painted volumes and painted space is joined to the brooding palette to form individual expressions of reality, primitive as they may be. (Cheminsky Gallery, 58 Gordon, Tel Aviv, till March 21).

HAIFA — The Municipality is seeking a suitable tenant for the home of the late artist Herman Struck, who built in the '20s what is now a music museum and a city landmark in Rehov Arlosoroff.

Struck, who was born in Germany 100 years ago this month, came to Haifa in the '20s and represented the Mirachi movement at many Zionist Congresses. His home was designed in a neo-oriental style by architect Alexander Baerwald and was the first Jewish-built structure in the town that was faced entirely with stone.

## Struck house seeks tenant

The house and the surrounding garden became a centre for the intellectual elite of the growing town and attracted distinguished guests from the whole world.

Struck bequeathed the house and the garden to the Mirachi movement which in turn sold it to a group of building contractors. They wanted to pull down the house and replace it with a modern high-rise building. The then Mayor, the late Abba Khoushy,

rejected their plan, insisting that the Struck house be preserved. He acquired it for the city by exchanging the property for land elsewhere, and housed the newly-founded music museum there.

In four months the music museum is to be transferred to the new museum centre in Rehov Shabtai Levi, which will also be the site of the city museums of ancient and modern art.

Mayor Yerubham Zeisel said this week that he was open to suggestions about using the house for any "cultural and public purpose."

FIGURE IT OUT / JUDIE ORON

## Dropping the calories

I FEEL I simply must tell you about my friend Mary's bean recipe. I first tasted it at its most fattening — at a food orgy. A food orgy is a happening where the finest chefs you know, together with children and spouses, arrive accompanied by whatever dish they cook best. First you gorge, then you bring out your pencils and compare recipes. If you're plump, however, the initial euphoria may shortly be replaced by a deep gloom, as you contemplate the grand total of calories you've consumed. (Some day we'll discuss how to have a diet orgy.)

Mary's bean soufflé is what gourmets call "a taste delight," but, unfortunately, it's quite heavy on the calories. Thus, a week after the initial encounter, I set out armed with the original recipe, and, of course, my calorie charts, to prove that I could reproduce the essential flavour of this dish and still keep the calorie count down.

First, I cut the "fattening" ingredients in half, then doubled the "slimming" ones, added a few extra spices and — voila! — my family loyally pronounced it better than the original (though they were very hungry). Here it is:

Boil until tender two packages (400 gr. each) of frozen Sunfrost cut green or yellow beans. If you have a spare hour, you can, instead, use fresh beans — clean and cut them, and boil until tender. Drain and set aside.

To make the sauce: in a medium saucepan melt one level tsp. margarine (the original recipe calls for 50 gr.) on a low flame. Add one tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. black pepper, and stir. Slowly add ¼ cup flour, (¼ cup used in Mary's recipe) stirring constantly. Now add 1½ cups lean milk (bottled *dal shuman* — and Mary uses one cup) and stir until thickened. Grate in one pkg. (250 gr) cheddar cheese (1½ pkg. in original recipe) and mix thoroughly. Remove

from heat and stir in one tsp. tobacco sauce, one tsp. soy (or Worcestershire) sauce, and a dash each of garlic powder and ground paprika.

In a separate saucepan, melt one level tsp. of margarine (Mary uses 100 gr.) and fry a large sliced onion with 1½ cups sliced mushrooms (one cup in original recipe) until tender. Set aside.

Line a casserole dish with half the onion-mushroom mixture, pour half the beans over it, then top with half the cheese sauce. Repeat this process and sprinkle dried onion flakes on top of the final cheese layer. Bake.

I calculated the calorie total for this recipe as follows:

Ingredients	Calories
800 gr. green beans	270
one tsp. marg.	50
1½ cups mushrooms	45
a large onion	30
Sauce:	
one tsp. marg.	50
¼ cup flour	85
salt, pepper	0
1½ cups lean milk	135
tobacco and soy sauce	0
250 gr. cheddar cheese	870
onion flakes	10
total	1,553

A fourth-portion is 390 calories, and is more than a meal in itself. A favourite side dish in our family is steamed broccoli, slightly salted after boiling.

I know I haven't told you how long to bake the soufflé. My oven does it at 400 degrees (Fahrenheit) in 30 minutes, but then my oven is a very unique specimen. Perhaps it would be best if you go by the way the soufflé ought to look when ready, deciding for yourself when it has reached the desired stage. The top should, of course, be nicely browned and the inside should still be bubbly, but not too liquid. However, if in doubt, underbake!

## The shorts came marching home

By Wendy Blumfield  
MOVING HOUSE is very traumatic for any housewife — moving to another country with four small children is mind-boggling.

As I looked around my rambling Edwardian house prior to emigrating to Israel, I rubbed my hands with glee. For my husband is an inveterate hoarder, and the prospect of clearing out twelve years' accumulation of his assorted junk gave me some satisfaction.

As soon as the packing cases arrived, the dog-eared science fiction paperbacks, the vintage 1950 crash helmet, the elementary school notebooks, the components of a long defunct electric toaster and many other unidentifiable objects were lovingly packed. But my carpets, mirrors, lampshades, fruit bowls and antique *chaise longue* were tossed aside to be put in an auction sale.

The container for many of these precious possessions was the oldest of all — Great Aunt Shifra's *chemise* which had travelled with her from Russia to Liverpool in 1900 or thereabouts. It had been seized upon years later by her boarding great-nephew who was then able to transport his junk to Oxford for his University days and then to the depths of the Hampshire countryside

where he set up home and finally to Israel. What a long way Aunt Shifra's trunk has travelled!

When it came to clothing, I was ruthless. My husband was very attached to a pair of khaki shorts dating back to his Babylon days and rather baggy about the knees. He liked to put these on every time he went into the garden and this reduced the neighbours to hysterics. Also of sentimental value was an ankle-length gaberdine raincoat, stained over the years with beer, tea and coffee and dotted with cigarette burns. These simply had to be thrown out.

I telephoned Brown Owl who was organizing a jumble sale for the Brownies. "If you come this minute, Mary," I whispered conspiratorially, "I can give you some very interesting things." Imagine my delight as I saw her car disappear down the road growling under the weight of my boxes of jumble.

But I had forgotten that the children would be taking their father to the Brownies' jumble sale.

When I unpacked our cases at our first stop in Israel, what did I find among the top priority items such as frying pans and toothbrushes? Yes, you've guessed. One pair of khaki shorts and one ankle-length gaberdine raincoat.

## FRENCH FILM WEEK

A WEEK of French art and experimental films is to be presented by the French Institute of Tel Aviv between Monday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 31.

The films, none of which has been shown in Israel, have been chosen to give an idea of the "Young French

Cinema," representing most of the new trends and tendencies. These films will include "Un Sac de Billes" by Jacques Doillon; "Souvenirs d'en France" by Andre Techine; "Les Zozos" by Pascal Thomas; "Projection Privee" by Francis Letier, and "Histoire de Paul" by Rene Faret.

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# I WANT TO KNOW! THE CONSUMER ASKS — TNUVA ANSWERS THE HOLES IN CHEESE

We would like to reveal to you, the consumer, the secret of the holes in Tal Ha'emek (Emmentaler) cheese.

On Friday, February 20, 1976, a humorous item appeared in Ma'ariv about a manufacturer who used a drill to cut holes in cheese. The letters that followed the publication of this article showed that the secret of the famous holes is not known to many cheese eaters. We would now like to satisfy the curiosity of the thousands of people who have surely asked many times (without being answered) how the holes in cheese are actually made.

We usually associate the nice round glossy holes with the Swiss cheese known as Emmentaler, which excels with its sharp, slightly sweet taste. Why did this type of cheese originate in Switzerland?

It is generally known that after hard cheeses are made, they undergo a ripening process: cultures of micro-organisms are added, and the cheese is put aside until the desired taste and form develop. The micro-organisms used in the ripening of Emmentaler are anaerobic — they develop without the presence of oxygen. The ideal climate for these micro-organisms is cool clear mountain air. And therein lies the explanation of why this type of cheese originated in Switzerland.

What happens to cheese while it is ripening? It is kept in a heated room in which the air is carefully purified. The conditions are made optimal for the micro-organisms, which set about their work with a will. They produce gases inside the cheese, which have no way out to the atmosphere. They therefore form bubbles inside the cheese, and these bubbles are the holes we know. In the language of the cheesemakers, the cheese goes in blind, and comes out with eyes.

After this stage, the cheese is kept at a lower temperature, to permit the further development and improvement of the flavour. It is marketed three months after it is originally formed.

In Israel, Tnuva makes this type of cheese at its Tel Yosef dairy, which



## THE HOLES IN CHEESE

Report from Munich

The holes in Emmentaler cheese must be created naturally. That, at least, is the decision of a Bavarian court which fined a cheese manufacturer 3000 marks...

A cheese "counterfeiter" cut the familiar cherry-sized holes with a spoon-shaped device that was shown in court during the trial.



תנועה וילקוח (מערבית)

is below sea level. The particular conditions there suit our friends the micro-organisms. Tnuva's cheese is called Tal Ha'emek; it is sold by weight, and also in prewrapped pieces and slices.

For the benefit of gourmets, we will add that Tal Ha'emek is excellent for cheese and wine evenings. Its special flavour is brought out to perfection when it is served with sliced fruit, pickles, and juicy vegetables.

Bon appétit!











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## Trouble in the West Bank

UNLIKE some previous outbreaks of unrest in the West Bank and in East Jerusalem, the current spate of riots and demonstrations is clearly an indigenous phenomenon. Although the stone-throwers, the strikers and the arsonists have doubtless been egged on by outside Arab interests, the violence expresses local emotions. It was fanned by the belief that Judge Or's unexpected decision in favour of Jewish prayers on the Temple Mount represented a Jewish plot for the takeover of that sacred Moslem place. The patent absurdity of the charge proved to be no bar to its dissemination.

The momentum of protest quickly carried over into a display of nationalist politics, as a number of West Bank mayors called for a ban on all Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria. Otherwise, they threatened, they would not withdraw their announced resignations.

The Government's immediate duty in this situation is, of course, to make sure that law and order prevail in all the former Jordanian territories. The local Arab leaders have already been placed on notice, by the Ministers of Defence, Justice and Police, that the campaign of civil disobedience cannot benefit the local population (by the same token some leaders in Kiryat Arba may also have to be called to order for wittingly or unwittingly adding fuel to heated feelings in Hebron).

The picture of Israeli soldiers charging into crowds of Arab youth, or maintaining a curfew in a silent Arab town, is admittedly not a happy one and it will be grist to the mills of Arab propaganda. But the fact is that Israel's administration has been and remains benign — even when compared with the previous Jordanian rule in the territories which saw repeated curfews and bloodshed.

But while no apology for Israel's basic conduct is in order, nor for Israel's insistence that the final disposition of the areas will be part of the movement towards peace, a clear and unequivocal statement of Israel's policy on those issues that agitate the people in the territories is an urgent necessity.

Repeated avowals of the Government's intention to preserve the status quo on the Temple Mount are not sufficiently convincing as long as the issue raised by Judge Or remains before the courts. The Government should therefore speed up its appeal to make clear its long-standing policy of respecting Jewish rights without violating Moslem sensitivities over the Temple Mount.

## Harold Wilson, a friend

THE ISRAELI penchant for categorizing countries and statesmen into "friends" and "foes" sometimes seems a trifle simplistic.

And yet, there is much to be said for gut-feeling assessments. Our history has amply proven our innate sense of recognizing, with unerring accuracy in so many cases, who our true friends are.

Harold Wilson is one of those cases. From his earliest rise to eminence, more than two decades ago, he was perceived as a friend of the Zionist cause and the Jewish state. Some of our (then young) labour leaders forged firm links of respect and amity with him. And the Jews in England similarly perceived the brilliant young economist as a "Zionist" in the finest tradition of the British socialist movement.

Over the years since then, in office and in opposition, Harold Wilson has often demonstrated his concern and sympathy, in words and action. He espoused the cause of Soviet Jewry many years before it became the fashionable and politic thing to do. He was personally instrumental, through intercession at the highest level, in the release from Russia of scores of Jews — and this when the mass Jewish exodus was still a pipe-dream.

In Middle East policy, there is no fundamental difference nowadays between the Tories and the Socialists in Britain — nor, indeed, between either of them and most other major European parties. Personal sympathies and predilections, moreover, tend to become blurred as the Europeans strive to attain a maximum of agreement within their Economic Community on issues of foreign affairs. Nevertheless, there has been a most marked improvement in the tone and atmosphere of Israel-British relations since the Conservatives made way for Labour shortly after our Yom Kippur War.

Wilson's undisputed friendship for Israel has on occasion caused some huffing and puffing from the Arab extremists. But in practical terms of politics or economics, it has cost Britain nothing — and gained it a good measure of prestige and integrity. This can serve as a lesson to more pusillanimous Western leaders, and as another cause for our sorrow at seeing Wilson go.

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## West Bank unrest

HA'ARETZ (Independent), taking up the recent unrest on the West Bank, maintains that it is the duty of the military administration to ensure that the daily life of the West Bank population is not disturbed by extremist elements. "Drastic measures such as a curfew," says the paper, "need not be avoided, but at the same time, the administration should not be misled by the provocations of the extremists who were behind the current ferment." The paper feels that the curfew ruling on prayers on the Temple Mount and the settlement at Kadum have heightened the unrest, but thinks it

more than likely that it would have taken place even without these pretexts. "At the same time, Israel has little reason to draw comfort from this. There is cause for concern if we are to believe that the rebelliousness among West Bank youth was being provoked by external hostile elements, namely the PLO."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) takes the news media to task for circulating "unjustified and exaggerated" reports on the tension in the north. Praising the Government's policy on the issue, the paper says it constitutes a "sensible combination of precaution and alertness."

HATZOFE (National Religious) referring to the murder of the Dutch Jew Alexander Aaronson by the Israelis, says that a clandestine murder by an independent state is an act of barbarism which the enlightened world must not tolerate.

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### READERS' LETTERS

#### THE LIPOVSKY CASE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The undersigned are wondering what happened to the Lipovsky boy and if the authorities are working to find him.

What has happened to Gideon Lipovsky? Has he managed to slip out of the country? It is strange indeed that no guard was posted near him in court to prevent his escape and that the decision of the court was handed down to Gideon Lipovsky before he returned the boy to his mother.

Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of Gideon and Micha Lipovsky is requested to communicate with us at P.O.B. 52, Kfar Yona.

League for Women's Rights in The Courts  
Kfar Yona.

#### PATRIOTIC DUTY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Joanna Yehiel (Viewpoint, March 8) has performed a signal service to the nation by emphasizing the urgent need for promoting social conditions to reduce the tragic number of abortions that Israel cannot afford.

In view of Israel's crying need for an increase in her reliable Sabra stock, should not abortion, except in rare and health cases, be actively discouraged by the State's guarantee to relieve the mother of the care of an unwanted child, while letting the parents retain access and normal relations with it? Women, a generation or two ago, happily mothered several children without fuss, and if the social circumstances of today make child-rearing difficult, child-bearing, which is the mother's duty, should be encouraged. It should be reckoned the patriotic duty of a healthy Israeli woman.

In order to effect a change in the climate of opinion, a voluntary organization on the lines of Wizo should be set up to persuade women to deliver the child, supplementing state support and smoothing the rough edges of bureaucracy.

SAMUEL SOLOMON  
Ramat Gan (London).

#### HOTEL PRICES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Much effort is being made to attract tourists to Israel from overseas — why then are they asked to pay higher hotel rates than Israelis? All over the world tourists bringing in foreign currency get a favourable rate. In Israel the situation is reversed.

I have just visited the Moriah Dead Sea Hotel in Sdom and I have in front of me the rate schedule. The rate for a single person, modified American plan, i.e. half board, is \$38.50, full board \$47 plus 15 per cent service. On the other hand an Israeli at the same hotel pays for full board, all taxes included, IL275, which, converted into dollars, is about \$38.

Do you really think that the tourists should pay this much more than the Israelis? I think that such rates are self defeating.

N. NEUMANN  
New York.

#### THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM

REPLIES: In November 1974, when the Israeli pound was devaluated from IL20 to IL6 to the dollar, hotel prices were raised accordingly by 43 per cent. Thus, hotel rates in dollars remained unchanged. Later on, with the introduction of creeping devaluation, hotels started to quote prices in dollars; as a result, each mini-devaluation does not affect hotel prices in dollars, while prices in Israeli pounds increase accordingly.

Referring to a loss of Israeli customers, hotels decided to absorb part of the price increase as far as Israelis were concerned. This policy of granting reductions to Israelis was adopted by individual hotels and sometimes results in different prices for tourists and Israelis.

RIYKA SHERBOM,  
Assistant Spokesman  
Jerusalem.

#### HOME-BAKED CAKES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We would like to thank, through your columns, the Task Force of Jerusalem women who have been baking cakes and sending various goodies to our soldiers for over two years now. We have received innumerable messages of thanks and gratitude from soldiers and officers who received these cakes via our "messenger," from the South to the top of the North.

The soldiers appreciate not only the delicious cakes, but also the "soul" uplifting and taste of home these cakes give them. They also cherish the small notes attached to the cakes by the children who assist in the baking.

SYDLE LEVIN, Senior Captain  
BARBARA DESHOWITZ, Associate Captain  
Jerusalem.

#### BRING DOWN THE BARRIERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Lea Levavi's report on the "Kohak" conference (March 11) does not do full justice to the discussions during the session on manners and ethics. One of the suggestions presented with the consent of a large section of the audience was to make concrete attempts for "Anglo-Saxons" to achieve closer communication, understanding and dialogue with those in Israel who come from Arab and Asian countries or are of Sephardic origin.

As the conference organisers promised to "have the strength to improve the quality of life in Israel a most effective way would be to pull down the barrier which — in the generation of immigrants at least — exists between Israelis from Western countries and those from Arab and Asian countries, who too frequently and unjustly are described as disadvantaged or socially deprived. "Grass roots" attempts ought to be made by organisations at all levels, dominated by Israelis with a Western background to reach out and involve co-workers with different educational and cultural backgrounds. There is plenty of room for this in schools, neighbourhood and other community work where the know-how of people from technologically advanced countries could be shared with others.

Dr. W.S. MATSDORF  
Jerusalem.

IT WAS A DECISION by a freshman judge in the lowest court in the land in a routine case, or so it seemed. In its wake, during the past seven weeks, there have come riots in towns throughout the West Bank, shopkeepers' strikes, school shutdowns, hundreds of arrests, the resignation of five West Bank municipal councils, cries of outrage from Islamic nations, and a pledge by the UN Secretary General that he would take up the matter.

Magistrate Ruth Or did not content herself with acquitting the eight Jewish youths accused of disturbing the peace by praying on the Temple Mount.

The eight were innocent, she explained, because they had the right as Jews to pray at Judaism's most sacred site. She chastised the authorities for attempting to prevent such prayer, and called upon the Ministry for Religious Affairs to draw up regulations spelling out when and where Jews might pray on the Temple Mount.

In this seemingly inadvertent fashion was raised an issue full of religious passions, and one that has remained dormant through decades of confrontation between the two peoples.

It remained dormant for two reasons that are now being challenged as a result of Judge Or's ruling, one religious and the other political. The ban upon entry to the Temple Mount issued by the Rabbinical Council following the Six-Day War — and still posted outside Mograbi Gate — reflected an attitude dating from Maimonides in the 12th century. Maimonides maintained that because of the uncertainty as to the location of the Holy of Holies — entry to which was restricted, on pain of death, to the High Priest on Yom Kippur — Jews should stay off the Mount altogether.

The renowned philanthropist, Sir Moses Montefiore, was threatened with excommunication when he visited the Temple Mount, not being aware of the prohibition. The ban has been strongly upheld in recent generations by the rabbis of Jerusalem and by the dominant religious attitude today.

Nevertheless, the ban has been challenged from time to time over the centuries, most recently by Rabbi Shlomo Goren, who declared after the Six-Day War, when he was Chief Military Chaplain to the Armed Forces, that there were places on the Temple Mount clearly outside the area occupied by the Temple and therefore open to Jews and Jewish prayer.

LAST WEEK, Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin, mindful of Judge Or's recommendation that the ban on Jews entering the Temple Mount was still in force. Ashkenazi

## PANDORA'S BOX ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT

Magistrate Ruth Or's ruling that Jews had the right to pray on the Temple Mount — and that the Israeli authorities should draw up regulations allowing them to do so — has opened up a Pandora's box of complications, writes Post Reporter Abraham Rabinovich.



The sign over the Mograbi Gate entrance to the Temple Mount says (in Hebrew, English and French): NOTICE AND WARNING: Entrance to the area of the Temple Mount is forbidden to everyone by Jewish law owing to the sacredness of the place. The Chief Rabbinate of Israel.

prayer on the Temple Mount, asked the two Chief Rabbis for their opinion. Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef responded immediately that the ban on Jews entering the Temple Mount was still in force. Ashkenazi

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren has not yet replied. If he advocates revocation of the ban, the question would presumably go to the 12-man Supreme Rabbinical Council.

The secular authorities, unlike the

religious, have permitted Jews enter the Temple Mount, even take over control of the Mograbi Gate 1967 at Defence Minister Moshe Dayan's order to ensure free access during hours when they would not interfere with Moslem prayer. The authorities, however, have consistently refused to permit Jews pray on the mount, since this might be a provocation to the Moslems.

Periodic attempts over the past few years by nationalist Jewish youths and others to pray here have been broken up. In 1970 a five-man panel of the Supreme Court ruled that while Jews had the inherent right to pray on the Temple Mount the government could refuse to permit such prayer if it might lead to disturbance of the peace. Judge Or's ruling is now being appealed by the State Attorney, and it will, in all likelihood, work its way up to the Supreme Court.

The drive for Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount is being led by Likud members of the Jerusalem City Council, Gershon Solomon and Rabbi L.I. Rabinowitz. They are a party without the support of their party — indeed, against the opposition of key Likud leaders who oppose Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount because of its political explosiveness. If strong emotions are to be found in the prime minister's party, which represents only a minority of the electorate, it is safe to assume the great majority of the population is at least as opposed. G. Eshkol, which has not hesitated to challenge the Government's position in asserting its views of Jewish rights of settlement in the Holy Land, has refrained — apparently religious grounds — from walking through the door to the Temple Mount that Judge Or tried to open.

The chief vehicle for pressure on the Temple Mount has been Beter Youth Movement, which is nationalist and not a religious organisation. By doing so they are admittedly challenging an area ambiguity. The Protection of Holy Places Law permits "access to different religions to the place sacred to them." The Israeli Government would be the last body in the world to deny that the Temple Mount is sacred to the Jews, and it does permit access, yet it will not permit Jews to pray there.

By their insistence on Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount, Solomon and his colleagues — who have rarely mustered as many as a dozen adults at any of their prayer attempts — are opening the door, theoretically at least, to demand Moslems or Christians to pray at Western Wall if they feel it is theirs.

The present situation is indeed ambiguous, but it is ambiguous in often permit nations, like individuals, to go on living together.

## 'Southern Kennedy' looks to White House

By MOSHE GILBOA

HISTORY has its paradoxes no less than its parallels. One of the ironies in the current U.S. Presidential primaries is that the voters in the northern state of New Hampshire, which took an active part in the war against the South more than a century ago and whose levies probably joined in the sacking at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1864, should have cast their ballots in favour of the former Governor of that state as Democratic candidate for the Presidency. Voters in the adjoining state of Vermont as well as in the southern state of Florida and again on Tuesday in Illinois made the same choice for the nomination.

James A. ("Jimmy") Carter, the dashing and genial young ex-Governor of Georgia, one of the bastions of the conservative Deep South, confounded observers by his striking and significant victory over Governor George Wallace of Alabama, his much-favoured adversary.

Many people profess to discern an historic personality parallel between Jimmy Carter and the late John F. Kennedy, both in appearance and temperament, and even refer to Carter as "the Southern Kennedy." Like J.F.K. in his time, Jimmy combines good looks with a warm outgoing manner, and these, together with his optimistic outlook and good will are held to resemble the characteristics of the late President. "Jimmy" is endowed with the gift of instant communication and demonstrated this quality fully when he ran, at a very young age, for the State Senate and later the Governorship. It stood him in good stead at the primaries in New Hampshire and Vermont, where he was not very well-known.

But there are other points of resemblance beyond the merely superficial. Both Jimmy and J.F.K. were born into "upper crust" families, even though different in background and character. Kennedy grew up in an aristocratic Yankee clan in the industrial and intellectual society of Massachusetts in the North. Carter comes from a landowning family of wealthy planters. Like Kennedy, Carter has liberal views on the need for equality and the rights of racial minority and ethnic groups — Kennedy because he himself belonged to the Catholic minority and knew what its constraints were from personal experience, Carter because, as a Southerner, he recognized and identified with the suffering of the Southern Blacks and other minorities.

Each in his own way, Kennedy and Carter were also allied to the religious Establishment and thus representative of the American myth which gauges religious and ecclesiastical faith and piety as integral to the human condition and way of life. Kennedy as the proud Catholic and Carter as the Southern Baptist profoundly attached to his



FRIEND OF ISRAEL Jimmy Carter with Moshe Gilboa, right, at an Israel Independence Day celebration in Atlanta in 1972.

creed. Their likeness also extends to another sphere, that of military service, for both served in the U.S. Navy.

JIMMY GREW UP on the land in southern Georgia, where his family had peanut plantations. His energy, concentration on the task in hand, innate strength and boundless optimism stem from his farm days. He was brought up as a Baptist with the abiding belief in and love of the Bible which are inseparable from the background of the rural Deep South.

But life on the broad, fertile expanse of rural Georgia failed to satiate his limitless curiosity and the urge to take a more active share in furthering the welfare of his native state. After his service in the Navy (during which he commanded a nuclear submarine) he raised his sights on the political sextant first at the Senate and, after serving as a State Senator, entered the race for the Governorship. His credo was that Georgia should not subscribe to the "Gone With the Wind" philosophy which retarded its progress, but must become a state that sailed before the new winds of postwar development. His platform embraced reforms in the social, educational, industrial, scientific and administrative spheres. It advocated a bold, new leadership unafraid of tilting at the conservatism and segregation which characterized the South, and the humiliating treatment of the Blacks and other minorities.

JIMMY CARTER has in the past shown himself to be pro-Israel and pro-Jewish in his views, demonstrably because of his strongly-held Baptist views and deep attachment to the Biblical heritage. He is a close friend of Dr. William Wechsler, of Georgia, a former Chairman of the Presidents' Club and President of International B'nai B'rith, now settled in Israel. Carter became deeply impressed by the

cultural, spiritual and national renaissance in the State of Israel following his visit here in the summer of 1973, and was even more impressed when an expert in groundnut cultivation joined him as an adviser on his plantations.

"I was prepared to take lessons from the Israelis about the Holy Land in which they live and the Bible they gave the world," he told me on that occasion. "But for a native of Georgia to be taught by the Israelis how to grow peanuts, Georgia's staple crop, was something else and quite beyond my expectations."

Before his swearing-in as Governor in 1971, he asked me for statistical material on the educational system in Israel, immigrant absorption (especially from backward countries), agricultural and industrial development, medicine and health insurance, and... books on the revival of the Hebrew language and Bible studies.

He himself bought a Bible and the book, "1,000 words in English Hebrew." I have no doubt, knowing Jimmy Carter, that he studied thoroughly on his flight back home (the writer was Israel Consul-General in Atlanta when Jimmy Carter was elected Governor of Georgia).

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